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YEsterday, about Nine in the Morning, the Parliament Met, and fell upon the Act for Securing the Protestant Religion against Popery and Fanatischism, which being Debated in several Paragraphs, took up the House till Six in the Evening, when the Act was past. In the beginning of the Debate, the Lord *Belhaven* having moved, That though this Act did abundantly secure the Protestant Religion against Popery and Fanatischism, yet there was no Provision made against a Popish or Fanatick Successor, or to that purpose; about three parts of the four of the House, rose from their Seats and cried, To the Castle, to the Castle: Then the Lord *Belhaven* being required to explain himself, said, He meant what might happen 100 Years hence: But that not giving the House satisfaction, after consideration had of the words by him spoken, which were thought Treasonable by the late Act concerning the Succession; whereby it is declared, That no difference of Religion, no Law or Statute can alter the Right of Succession, the Lord of *Belhaven* was by a Vote of the House, very few dissenting, sent Prisoner to the Castle, whither he was carried in the Earl Marshal's Coach, under a Guard of Horse and Foot. At the same time the Kings Advocate declared in Parliament, that he would bring an Impeachment of high Treason against him. The Act is as follows.

An Act for Securing the Protestant Religion, against Popery and Fanatischism, *Edenburg, Agust* 29. 1681.

OUr Soveraign Lord, with His Estates of Parliament, considering, That albeit by many Good and Wholesome Laws made by his Royal Grand-Father, and Father, of Glorious Memory, and by Himself in this and his other Parliaments since his happy Restauration, the Protestant Religion is carefully Assented, Established, and Secured against Popery and Fanatischism; yet the restless Adversaries of our Religion, do not cease to propagate their Errors, and to seduce His Majesties Subjects from their Duty to God, and Loyalty to his Vice-Gerent, and to Overturn the Established Religion, by introducing their Superstitions and Delusions into this Church and Kingdom; And knowing that nothing can more encrease the Numbers and Confidences of Papists and Schismatical Dissenters from the Established Church, than the supine Neglect of putting in Execution the good Laws provided against them, together with their hopes to Insinuate themselves into Offices and Places of Trust, and Publick Employment; Therefore His Majesty from his Princely and Pious Zeal, to maintain and preserve the true Protestant Religion contained in the Confession of Faith Recorded in the First Parliament of King James *the Sixth, which is Founded on, and agreeable to the written Word of God; Doth with Advice and Consent of his Estates of Parliament, Require and Command all his Officers Judges, and Magistrates, to put the Laws made against Popery and Papists, Priests, Jesuits, and all Persons of any other Order in the Popish Church, especially against Sayers and Hearers of Mass, Venters and Dispersers of forbidden Books, and Resetters of Popish Priests and Excommunicated Papists: As also against all Fanatical Seperatists from this National Church, against Preachers at House or Field Conventicles, and the Resetters and Harbourers of Preachers, who are Intercommuned, against disorderly Baptisms and Marriages, and irregular Ordinations, and all other Schismatical Disorders, to full and vigorous Execution, according to the Tenour of the respective Acts of Parliament thereanent Provided. And that His Majesties Princely Care to have these Laws put in Execution against those Enemies of the Protestant Religion, may the more clearly appear, He doth with Advice and Consent foresaid, Statute and Ordain that the Ministers of each Paroch, give up once in* October *Yearly, to their respective Ordinaries, true and compleat Lists of all Papists and Schismatical withdrawers from the Publick Worship in their respective Paroches, which Lists are to be Subscribed by them; and that the Bishops give in a double of the said Lists subscribed by them, to the respective Sheriffs, Stewards, Bailiffs of Royalty and Regality, and Magistrates of Burroughs, to the effect the said Judges may proceed against them according to Law: As also the Sheriffs and other Magistrates foresaid, are hereby Ordained to give an Account to His Majesties Privy Council in* December *Yearly, of their proceedings Against those Papists and Fanatical Separatists, as they will be answerable at their highest Peril; and that the Diligences done by the Sheriffs, Bailiffs of Regalities, and other Magistrates foresaid, may be the better enquired into by the Council, the Bishops of the respective Dioceses, are to send exact Doubles of the Lists of the Papists and Fanaticks to the Clerks of the Privy Council, whereby the diligence of the Sheriffs and other Judges foresaid, may be Controlled and Examined. And to cut off all hopes from Papists and Fanaticks, of their being employed in Offices and Places of publick Trust, It is hereby Statute and Ordained, that the following Oath shall be taken by all Persons in Offices of Publick Trust, Civil, Ecclesiastical and Military, especially by all Members of Parliament, and Electors of Members of Parliament, all Privy Councellors, Lords of Session, Members of the Exchequer, Lords of Justiciary, and all other Members of these Courts, all Officers of the Crown and State, all Arch-Bishops and Bishops, and all Preachers and Ministers of the Gospel whatsoever, all Persons of this Kingdom named, or to be named Commissioners for the Borders, all Members of the Commission for Church Affairs, all Sheriffs Stewards, Bailiffs of Royalties and Regalities, Justices of Peace, Officers of the Mint, Commissars and their Deputs, their Clerks and Fiscals, all Advocates and Procurators, before any of these Courts, all Writers to the Signet, all Publick Notars, and other Persons employed in Writing or*

or agenting; The Lyon King at Arms, Herauds, Pursevants and Messengers at Arms; all Collectors, Sub-Collectors, and Farmers of His Majesties Customs and Excise, all Magistrates, Deans of Gild, Counsellors and Clerks of Burroughs Royal and Regality; all Deacons of Trades, and Deacons Conveeners in the said Burroughs, ; all Masters and Doctors in Universities, Colledges, or Schools; all Chaplains in Families, Pedagogues to Children; and all Officers and Soldiers in Armies, Forts or Militia; and all other persons in any publick Trust or Office within this Kingdom, who shall publickly Swear and Subscrive the said Oath as follows, viz. The Arch-Bishops, chief Commander of the Forces and Officers of the Crown and State, and Counsellors before the Secret Council; all the Lords of Session, and all Members of the Colledge of Justice, and others depending upon them, before the Session; The Lords of Justiciary, and all those depending upon that Court, in the Justice Court: the Lords and other Members of Exchequer, before the Exchequer; all Bishops before the Arch-Bishops; all the inferior Clergy, Commissars, Masters, and Doctors of Universities and Schools Chaplains and Pedagogues, before the Bishops of the respective Dioceses Sheriffs Stewards, Bailiffs of Royalty and Regality and those depending on these Jurisdictions, before these respective Courts; all Prevosts, Bailiffs, and others of the Burroughs, before the Town Council; all Collectors and Farmers of the Kings Customs and Excise, before the Exchequer; the Commissioners of the Borders, before the Privy Council; and Heralds, Pursevants, and Messengers at Arms, before the Lyon. And His Majesty with consent foresaid, Statutes and Ordains, that all those who presently possess and enjoy any of the foresaid Offices, Publick Trusts, or Employments shall take and subscribe the following Oath in one of the foresaid Courts in manner before prescribed, betwixt this and the First of January *next, which is to be Recorded in the Registers of the respective Courts, and Extracts thereof under the Clerks hand to be reported to His Majesties Privy Council, betwixt this and the First of* March *next,* 1682. *and thereafter in any other Courts whereof they are Judges or Members, the first time they shall Sit or Exercise in any of these respective Courts; and Ordains that all who shall hereafter be promoted to, or employed in any of the foresaid Offices, Trusts or Employments, shall at their Entry into and before their exercising thereof, Take and Subscrive the said Oath in manner foresaid, to be Recorded in the Registers of the respective Courts, and reported to his Majesties Privy Council, within the space of Forty Days after their taking the same. And if any shall presume to exercise any of the said Offices or Employments, or any publick Office or Trust within this Kingdom (the King's lawful Brothers and Sons only excepted) until they take the Oath aforesaid, and subscrive it, to be Recorded in the Register of the respective Courts; they shall be declared incapable of all publick Trust thereafter, and be further punished with the loss of their Moveables and liferent Escheat, the one half whereof to be given to the Informer, and the other to belong to His Majesty. And His Majesty, with advice foresaid, recommends to His Privy Council to see this Act put to dire and vigorous Execution.*

Follows the Tenor of the Oath, to be taken by all Persons in Publick Trust.

I *A. B.* solemnly Swear in presence of the Eternal God, whom I invocate as Judge and Witness of the sincere Intention in this my Oath: That I own and sincerely profess the true Protestant Religion contained in the Confession of Faith, Recorded in the First Parliament of King *James* the Sixth, and that I believe the same to be Founded on, and Agreeable to the written Word of God. And I Promise and Swear, that I shall adhere thereto, during all the days of my Life-time, and shall endeavour to Educate my Children therein; and shall never consent to any Change or Alteration contrary thereto, and inconsistent with the said Protestant Religion, and Confession of Faith, and for Testification of my Obedience to my most Gracious Soveraign, *Charles* the Second, I do affirm and Swear, by this my solemn Oath, That the Kings Majesty is the only Supreme Governor of this Realm, over all Persons, and in all Causes, as well Ecclesiastical as Civil; and that no Foreign Prince, Person, Pope, Prelate, State, or Potentate, hath, or ought to have, any Jurisdiction, Power, Superiority, Preheminency, or Authority, Ecclesiastical or Civil, within this Realm: And therefore I do utterly renounce and forsake all Foreign Jurisdictions, Powers, Superiorities, and Authorities, and do promise, that from henceforth I shall bear Faith and true Allegiance to the Kings Majesty, his Heirs and Lawful Successors, and to my Power shall assist and defend all Rights, Jurisdictions, Prerogatives, Priviledges, Preheminences, and Authorities, belonging to the Kings Majesty, his Heirs, and Lawful Successors. And I further affirm, and Swear by this my solemn Oath, That I judge it unlawful for Subjects upon pretence of Reformation, or any other pretence whatsoever, to enter into Covenants or Leagues, or to Convocate, Convene, or Assemble in any Counsels, Conventions, or Assemblies, to Treat, Consult, or Determine in any Matter of State, Civil or Ecclesiastick, without His Majesties special Command, or express Licence had thereto, or to take up Arms against the King, or those Commissioned by Him; and that I shall never so rise in Arms, or enter into such Covenants or Assemblies, and that there lies no Obligation on me from the National Covenant, or the Solemn League and Covenant (commonly so called) or any other manner of Way whatsoever, to endeavour any Change or Alteration in the Government, either in Church or State, as it is now Established by the Laws of this Kingdom! And I promise and swear, that I shall with my utmost power Defend, Assist, and Maintain His Majesties Jurisdiction foresaid, against all deadly, and I shall never decline His Majesties Power and Jurisdiction, as I shall answer to God. And finally, I affirm and swear, That this my solemn Oath is given in the plain Genuine sense and meaning of the Words, without any Equivocation, mental Reservation, or any manner of Evasion whatsoever, and that I shall not accept or use any Dispensation from any Creature whatsoever. *So Help me God.*

Tregony, Aug. 31. At a late Meeting at *Launceston*, of the Deputy-Lieutenants and Justices of the Peace of this County, an humble Address to His Majesty was resolved on: wherein they thought it not necessary to concern the rest of the Freeholders, they being comprehended in the late Addresses presented by the Grand Juries at the Assizes and the Sessions; which Address they have sent up to the Right Honourable the Earl of *Bath*, Lord Lieutenant of the County, with a request that his Lordship would be pleased to present it to His Majesty, as a Testimony of their Loyalty and Affection to His Majesties Person, Family and Government.

Whitehal, Sept. 6. *The following Address from the County of* Cornwal, *was presented to His Majesty by the Right Honourable the* Earl *of* Bath, *Lord-Lieutenant of that County, accompanied by the Right Honourable the Lord* Arundel *of* Trerise, *Sir* William Godolphin, Bar. Bernard Greenville, Esq; *and several other* Cornish *Gentlemen; and was received by His Majesty*

Majeſty with the marks of the ſatisfaction His Majeſty has in this freſh Evidence of the Dutiful Affections of that Loyal County.

May it pleaſe your moſt Excellent Majeſty,

WE Your Majeſties moſt Loyal and Obedient Subjects, Your Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Deputy-Lieutenants, and Juſtices of the Peace of the County of *Cornwal*, do return our moſt humble and unfeigned Thanks for the Peace and Happineſs we have, and do enjoy under Your Majeſties moſt juſt and Gracious Reign over us: And particularly for Your Majeſties great Condeſcenſion in Your late Gracious Declaration, wherein you are pleaſed to give us freſh Aſſurances by Your Royal Word, that You will continue to Govern by the known Laws of the Land, uſe your utmoſt endeavour to ſupport the Proteſtant Religion, to extirpate Popery, and have frequent Parliaments; looking on them as the beſt Method for healing the diſtempers of the Kingdom, and means to preſerve the Monarchy.

Although, out of an humble confidence, that your Majeſty retains a favourable opinion, both of the paſt, and preſent Loyalty of this Your County, we have not been ſo early as others in expreſſing theſe our Thanks, and dutiful Acknowledgments; none ſhall go before us in hazarding our Lives and Fortunes, as our Duties and Allegiance obliges us, in the defence of Your Majeſties Sacred Perſon, Your Heirs and lawful Succeſſors, and the Religion and Government as by Law eſtabliſhed.

The humble Addreſs of Your Majeſties moſt Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, the Gentry, Clergy, and Freeholders of Your Majeſties County of Glamorgan; *And alſo the chief Magiſtrates, Aldermen, and Burgeſſes of the ſeveral Corporate Towns, within the ſaid County.*

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WE Your Majeſties moſt Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, the Gentry, Clergy, and Freeholders of the ſaid County; and alſo the chief Magiſtrates, Aldermen and Burgeſſes of the ſeveral Corporate Towns within the ſaid County, being ſenſible of the happineſs we enjoy, under the bleſſed ſhade of your Majeſties Government, as now eſtabliſhed by Law in Church and State; doe in moſt humble manner return our unfeigned Thanks to your Majeſty, for Your Majeſties moſt Gracious Declaration to have frequent Parliaments, and to uſe your utmoſt endeavours to extirpate Popery, and in all things to Govern according to the Laws of this Your Kingdom, as now eſtabliſhed in Church and State. And we do hereby faithfully promiſe, to the utmoſt of our power, to aſſiſt your Majeſty, your lawful Heirs and Succeſſors, as in Duty we are bound by our natural Allegiance, the Laws of the Land, and our reſpective Oaths, againſt all Treaſonable, Seditious, and Schiſmatical Practices whatſoever, if there ſhall any happen, (which God forbid.) And this we ſhall ever with our Lives and Fortunes make good; who pray for Your Majeſties long Life and proſperous Reign; and Subſcribe our ſelves,

Dread Sovereign,
Your moſt Loyal and Dutiful Subjects.

The humble Addreſs of us your Majeſties Deputy-Lieutenants, Juſtices of the Peace, and Commiſſion-Officers of the County of Glamorgan.

WE Your Majeſties moſt Loyal and Obedient Subjects, after the publication of Your Majeſties moſt Gracious Declaration, do in moſt humble manner acquieſce to your Majeſties moſt juſt Reaſons for your Diſſolving the two laſt Parliaments; We do from the bottom of our Hearts, render your Majeſty Thanks for your ſo Gracious Condeſcenſion in giving Your Subjects Reaſons for your ſo doing; when we acknowledge it your Majeſties undoubted Right and Prerogative to Call and Diſſolve Parliaments, according to your Royal Will and Pleaſure; and we rejoyce and lay hold of your moſt Royal Promiſe therein to Govern this your Kingdom, by the known Laws thereof, as now eſtabliſhed in Church and State; for that we are thereby ſecured in our Religion, Lives and Properties, both againſt Papiſts and uſurping Phanaticks Your Majeſties firm Reſolution of not departing from what you had formerly Declared concerning the Succeſſion of your Majeſties Royal Crown, is none of the leaſt ſigns of your Majeſties Conſcientious Juſtice and Love to the Peace of this Nation. We therefore hereunto ſubſcribing, do humbly Declare, That we will adhere and ſtick to your Majeſties Perſon, all your Rights and Prerogatives, and the ſupport of your Majeſties Government with our Lives and Fortunes; And now we pray that your moſt Sacred Majeſty may have a long and proſperous Reign over us, and that after you, your lawful Heirs and Succeſſors may Sit in the Throne to the Worlds end. Dated the 8th day of *Auguſt*. in the three and thirtieth year of your Majeſties Reign.

The humble Addreſs of your Majeſties Lieutenant, Deputy-Lieutenants, Officers of the Militia, the Juſtices of the Peace, Clergy, Freeholders, and Gentry of the County of Northumberland.

WE Your Majeſties remoteſt, yet moſt Loyal Subjects, for ever confirmed in the fulleſt Obedience, and greateſt Gratitude imaginable to Your Sacred Majeſty, by our ſad Experience and Senſe of what we have ſuffered heretofore in our Fortunes, our Liberties, and the Lives of our deareſt Relations, the Tragical Conſequence of that moſt horrid Regicide, acted upon Your Royal Father of Glorious and Bleſſed Memory, when we reflect upon thoſe horrid Actions and Proceedings;

And having ſeen with our Eyes the late Endeavours and Practices of many Men of the ſame Principles, tending to the ſubverſion of the Government of Church and State, never to be effected without deſtruction of Your Royal Perſon, and Your moſt Illuſtrious Brother, in which our Lives, our Liberties and Properties muſt of neceſſity be involved:

Now apprehending our ſelves preſerved under God, next and immediately by Your Majeſties prudent Foreſight and extraordinary Care, we do with greateſt Tranſport of Joy, and hearty Thankfulneſs, return Your Majeſty our moſt humble and expreſs Acknowledgment for oppoſing, with ſuch incomparable Reſolution, the Arbitrary and unnatural Proceedings againſt the undoubted Right of Your Succeſſion in the Perſon of Your Royal Brother; the greateſt Example of Truſt, Duty, and Obedience to Your Sacred Majeſty, And when Your Princely Wiſdom ſhall think fit to call a Parliament at any time, and in any place, both which are intirely and abſolutely in Your Majeſties power, we will mainly endeavour that from this County ſhall be Elected ſuch Members, as ſhall not be tainted with Arbitrary and Commonwealth Principles, and ſuch as ſhall duly conſider Your Majeſties juſt Demands, as their beſt Rules to concur with, as to Supplies of Money, or other Your great Affairs of State, ſo unreaſonably obſtructed by ſome Men in the late Seſſions of Parliament, to the danger of Your Dominions and Intereſt abroad, and to the prejudice of Your greateſt Concerns at home.

And being infinitely obliged by Your Majeſties condeſcending to ſet out Your late Declaration to our full ſatisfaction, we clearly Diſcern and Confeſs Your Reaſons to have been of ſufficient weight and ground for Your late Royal Proceedings in the Prorogations and Diſſolutions of the two laſt Parliaments; and humbly beg Your Majeſties Gracious Opinion and Acceptance of us and our unfeigned humble Addreſs; aſſuring Your Majeſty, that we will to the laſt Mite of our Fortune, and Minute of Life, ſtand for the preſervation of ſo good and Gracious a Prince, and Your Royal Succeſſors, (in the due courſe of Deſcent) Your Royal Prerogative and Rights of the Crown, the Proteſtant Religion as it is now eſtabliſhed by Law, and the known Laws of the Realm; and heartily pray for Your Majeſties Life and happy Government.

The humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Capital Burgeſſes, Gentry, and other the Freeholders, and Inhabitants of Your Majeſties Ancient and Loyal Burrough of *Doncaſter*, in the County of *York*.

WE Your Majeſties moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, duly weighing and conſidering the great advantage we enjoy above other Nations, under the Rule of ſo Good, ſo Wiſe, and ſo Gracious a Prince, and the beſt of Governments, by Law eſtabliſhed in this Your Majeſties Kindom, both in Church and State: And being truly ſenſible of Your Majeſties extraordinary Care, and unwearied endeavours to Preſerve and Maintain the ſame, againſt all the malicious Popiſh Deſignes, and other ſeditious oppoſers of its Peace and Tranquility; Do think it our bounden Duty, humbly to acknowledge the great Happineſs we, amongſt the reſt of Your Majeſties Loyal Subjects, do reap thereby. And do humbly beſeech Your Majeſty, Graciouſly to accept of theſe our moſt hearty and unfeigned Thanks for the ſame, and likewiſe for Your Majeſties gracious aſſurance given to us, and all other Your Majeſties Loyal Subjects, by Your Majeſties late Declaration; which we in no wiſe doubt, having ſo often taſted, and ſo long enjoyed

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